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Dear Council Members,

I am primarily writing to you to object to the Tellurian Behavioral Health being voted on this week by the council. While there is nothing inherently wrong with such a facility, there is something wrong with the city's disregard for neighborhood objections. Jackson Plaza has become a neighborhood gathering place for everyday activities. Don't spoil that. Every decision you make impacts our neighborhoods, good and bad. Each time you allow some "erosion" into a livable neighborhood, someone becomes discouraged and may decide it is time to move to another area of the Coulee Region.

Think of the long-term consequences of eroding livable neighborhoods: lower school population and the demise of La Crosse Public Schools, more older people that cannot move and cannot afford the taxes that will mount as the base erodes.

There are so many **good** things happening in the city. These include the convenience of living in town, still good schools, small friendly areas and neighborhoods with diverse populations, proximity of health care (a lot of better areas for a mental health facility), and the city's commitment to walkable/bike-friendly pathways.

Things that are disturbing and discouraging are the continuing saga of the Kmart eyesore, the burden of the unsheltered on the city (I know that is being worked on) and the continual road closures that make driving unbearable (I hope that's not your intention). It was faster for me to drive to Cty OT in Onalaska the other day than to drive to Piggy's for a meal from Losey Boulevard as all the road choices led to a closed area!

Please, please weigh your decision on Tellurian Behavioral Health carefully and think if the old dental office could have a more neighborhood friendly use. I love La Crosse and have lived here in the same house since January 1979. I am not averse to change, but the city needs to take city resident's objections to heart.

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